Statement

Increase in monthly allowances to Gallantry Awardees

Pre-Independence Gallantry Awards

Sl. No.	Award	Revised rates of allowances (Rs. Per month)
1	Distinguished Service Order/Indian Order of Merit/ Indian Distinguished Service Medal (Flying Officer)	2000/-
2	Distinguished Service Cross/Military Cross/ Distinguished Flying Cross Distinguished Service Medal/Military Medal/Distinguished Flying Medal Indian Distinguished Service Medal (For other Ranks)	1400/-

Post-Independence Gallantry Awards

Sl. No.	Gallantry Awards	Revised rates of allowances (Rs. Per month)
1	Param Vir Chakra	3000/-
2	Ashok Chakra	2800/-
3	Maha Vir Chakra	2400/-
4	Kirti Chakra	2100/-
5	Vir Chakra	1700/-
6	Shaurya Chakra	1500/-
7	Sena Medal/Nou Sena Medal/Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)	500/-

Major commodities exported

*80. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the major commodities exported abroad and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years;

(b) the major bottlenecks faced by Indian exporters and how they are got over;

(c) the potential areas of export yet to be exploited by Indian traders;

(d) the grievance redressal mechanism available to Indian exporters;

(e) whether it has been effective; and

(f) the cases of harassment of exporters at the hands of Government officers of export zones?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The potential products and constraints for enhanced exports vary depending upon international situation. Endeavour is made to remove the bottlenecks or provide support as the need arises. Some of the bottlenecks faced by our Indian exporters are:–Burden of unrebated State Indirect taxes leading to higher cost of export product, high interest rates, higher transportation cost, limited resources to explore new markets, Infrastructural problems, limited EDI enabled facility, procedural hurdles leading to transaction time and cost etc.

Some of the potential areas of exports are new markets and value added products.

(d) and (e) For Grievance Redressal, there is a Grievance Committee (GC) headed by Director General, in the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). Under the Foreign Trade Policy, there is also a Grievance Redressal Committee in the Department of Commerce, which examines the grievances of exporters against the decisions of DGFT.

The grievance redressal mechanism is quite effective in resolving the day to day grievances of exporters.

(f) No specific cases of harassment of exporters by officers of Export Zones have been brought to the notice of Government.

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Detail of major commodities exported abroad and the foreign exchange earned for the last 3 (three) years

(Values in Rs. crores)

Commodity	Apr-Mar 2006	Apr-Mar 2007	Apr-Mar 2008
1	3	4	5
(a) Plantation	3,319.41	3,938.51	3,906.44
(b) Agri & Allied Products	31,960.37	39,344.68	54,395.81
(c) Marine Products	7,035.91	8,001.04	6,926.67
(d) Ores & Minerals	27,288.34	31,685.96	36,716.92
(e) Leather & Mnfrs.	11,943.45	13,650.38	14,101.30
(f) Gems & Jewellery	68,752.59	72,295.17	79,227.74
(g) Sports Goods	595.87	573.54	539.94
(h) Chemicals & Related products	69,148.93	83,357.37	89,971.06
(i) Engineering Goods	85,462.14	119,874.96	135,717.06
(j) Electronic Goods	10.039.90	13,292.73	14,083.78
(k) Project Goods	654.81	622.43	584.06
(l) Textiles	68,823.32	74,391.06	74,378.89
(m) Handicrafts	2,045.34	1,981.91	2,046.21

1	3	4	5
(n) Carpets	3,774.55	4,199.09	3,795.53
(o) Cotton Raw incl. Waste	2,904.35	6,107.81	8,865.39
(p) Petroleum Products	51,532.80	84,520.15	114,191.68
(q) Unclassified Exports	11,135.77	13,942.50	16,415.04
TOTAL	456,417.88	571,779.25	655,863.50

Data Source: DGCIS

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

FDI proposals

465. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were number of Foreign Direct Investment proposals under consideration of Government for long but only sixteen FDI involving a total investment inflow of Rs. 284.76 crores were cleared in September, 2007;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals recommended; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Proposals complete in all respects are placed before the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) for its consideration. In the FIPB meeting held on 31-8-2007, 26 proposals were considered. Based on the deliberations on the proposal and comments of the concerned administrative Ministries, the Board recommended 17 proposals for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in various sectors, amounting to Rs.284.7695 crore. Details of proposals is available on *www.finmin.nic.in/fipb.index.html*.

(c) Implementation of the projects approved by the FIPB depends on the business plans of the applicant companies.

DMIC

466. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has taken decision to develop road linkage for Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) along the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has also submitted a proposal for development of various infrastructure linkages for overall development of DMIC; and